

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs and/or lines with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikethroughs or double bracketing. Insertions in text that is already underlined in the filed specification are indicated by double underlining.

Please replace the paragraph immediately following the heading **Related Applications** on page 1, line 5, with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending US Patent Application serial number 09/818,918, filed March 27, 2001 now abandoned, which is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application serial number 08/738,652, filed October 30, 1996 now issued as US 6,207,646 B1; ~~which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application serial number 08/386,063, filed February 7, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,194,388, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application serial number 08/276,358, filed July 15, 1994, now abandoned.~~

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 11 with the following paragraph:

#### **Government Support**

The work resulting in this invention was supported in part by National Institute of Health Grant No. R29-AR42556-01. The U.S. Government ~~may therefore be entitled to~~ has certain rights in the invention.